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DEVELOPMENTS ON EAST BERLIN SINCE KHRUSHCHEV NOV 10 SPEECH
INCREASINGLY INDICATE POLICY TO "DAMP DOWN" REACTION FOLLOWING
KHRUSHCHEV'S COMMENTS RE BERLIN.

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NEUES DEUTSCHLAND EDITORIAL NOV 12 WAS FIRST EAST GERMAN
INTERPRETATION TO CHARACTERIZE REMARKS AS HYPOTHETICAL.
EDITORIAL SPECIFICALLY STATED "WHEN KHRUSHCHEV PROPOSED
WEST POWERS WITHDRAW FROM BERLIN IF ON ITS SIDE SOV UNION
TURNED OVER POWERS TO GDR, THIS WAS ONLY IN INTEREST PEACE
AND NORMALIZATION BERLIN."

GROTEWOHL PRESS CONFERENCE NOV 12 (OURTEL 272 TO BONN, 319
TO DEPT) AND SUBSEQUENT EAST GERMAN WIRE SERVICE CORRECTION
(OURTEL BONN 274 DEPT 321 MOSCOW 81) ALSO STRESSED THAT
KHRUSHCHEV'S REMARKS WERE MERELY PROPOSAL, ADDING STATEMENT
THAT IF CHANGES NECESSARY BERLIN THEY PROBABLY BE MADE WITHIN
GENERAL SETTLEMENT.

KLEIN (WEST BERLIN SENAT PROTOCOL CHIEF) TOLD TRIMBLE THAT
ON NOV 12 EAST BERLIN SOV EMB SPOKESMAN TOLD HIM SOV EMB
HAS JUST RECEIVED OFFICIAL MOSCOW INTERPRETATION KHRUSHCHEV
SPEECH AND THAT KHRUSHCHEV HAD SAID NOTHING WHICH WAS INTENDED
TO IMPLY MEASURES AGAINST WEST BERLIN.

POLITBURO MEMBER NORDEN IN WEST BERLIN ELECTION RALLY
SPEECH NOV 13 (OURTEL 283 TO BONN, 330 TO DEPT) CRITICIZED
WEST REACTION AND STATED "WHAT DID KHRUSHCHEV SUGGEST? HE
PROPOSED ACCOMPLISHMENT GERMAN PEACE TREATY WITHOUT DELAY,

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AND WITHDRAWAL ALL FOREIGN OCCUPATION TROOPS FROM ALL GERMANY
SO GERMANS CAN WORK OUT THEIR OWN SETTLEMENT."

NOV 12 AND 13 ALSO REVEALED SHARP REVERSAL IN TREATMENT
KHRUSHCHEV'S SPEECH BY SOV ZONE PRESS AND MINOR SPOKESMEN.
EAST GERMANS PROVINCIAL PRESS NOV 12 REPORTED SPEECH AND COMMENTS
BY LOCAL FUNCTIONAIRES IN STRONG LANGUAGE, E.G. "WEST POWERS
HAVE NO RIGHT IN BERLIN", "WEST POWERS MUST GET OUT NOW",
ETC. NOV 13 REPORTS, HOWEVER, UNIFORMLY ASSUMED MORE
REASONABLE AND CAUTIOUS TONE MIRRORED IN GROTEWOHL'S PRESS
CONFERENCE. MAJOR THEME WAS EMPHASIS KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH AS
INDICATION DESIRE ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON GERMAN PEACE TREATY.
NO MENTION WEST POWERS GETTING OUT OF BERLIN.

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